

15 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES

Item 1: Advisability of Extending Food Relief Offers to Certain Satellites.

You will recall that Mr. C. D. Jackson sent a memorandum to the members of the PSB on Saturday conveying the President's desire that PSB work out a plan to institute a food program for the Satellites similar to the current one for East Germany. CIA has some reservations on this and recommends:

- (a) that an offer, if made, should not include items in which shortages are about to be made up by current harvests,
- (b) that the offer be made informally, possibly as a statement at the President's press conference,
- (c) that the offer be delayed until late fall or early next year when shortages will have been accentuated after current harvests have been consumed,
- (d) that Albania be included.

CIA warns that (a) USSR has taken measures in the past three weeks to offset Satellite shortages, (b) that a food program now, when shortages are less acute than they were last spring, may be suspect. (See 1.4)

- 1.1 Mr. Jackson's memorandum of 11 July.
- 1.2 EE Division memorandum dated 14 July 1953.
- 1.3 ORR Report on 1952 Crop Failures in Eastern Europe.
- 1.4 Crash Estimate of Food Situation in the Satellites, 14 July 1953.

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Item 2: Plan for Exploitation of Dissidence in the Soviet Bloc:
 USSR Armed Forces (PSB D-43, dated July 6, 1953)

CIA has certain reservations on this paper.

- (a) CIA does not feel the paper supports the objective stated in Paragraph 1a. but that it supports only objective 1 b.

- (b) The PP Staff does not recommend approval of Paragraph 1 a. but feels that if Paragraph 1 a. is adopted by the Board:
- (1) CIA should be given the task of developing a plan toward this objective and that State and Defense should be assigned support missions.
 - (2) Board approval should take the form of a positive policy decision along the lines of Paragraph 1 a.
 - (3) The Board should indicate what priority is to be given to the plan.
- (c) If, as appears likely, the Board will not approve objective 1 a., CIA feels that objective 1 b. should more properly be regarded as a part of PSB D-40 (plan for the exploitation of Stalin's death) with which it is entirely consonant.

Item 3: Other Business

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